



PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

St. Mary's Maffra [Newry & Dargo]

St. Michael's Heyfield-Cowwarr

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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs - 10am-4.00pm.

For Emergencies: St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale, Phone 5144 4100

Diocesan website: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/>



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A – 26th November, 2023.

PARISH PRIEST:

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0469 733 929

PARISH SECRETARY:

Willie Schoenmaekers

Email: marymaf@aussiebb.com.au

WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

1st & 3rd Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am

2nd & 4th Sunday - Newry: 11.00am

5th Sunday – Dargo : 12.Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

Wednesday to Friday : 9.30am

1st Saturday of each month 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Any time by request

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm

OR any other time by request

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday,

Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am

followed by Mass

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra

Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

BAPTISMS:

During or After the Vigil / Sunday Mass

MARRIAGE:

At least six months' notice requested.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD

Principal: Shane Fyfe

Davis St. Heyfield - 3858

Phone: 5148 2514

ST. MARY'S MAFFRA

Principal: Julian Blackford

4-12 Duke St. Maffra - 3860

Phone: 5147 1334

Catholic Care: 1800 522 076

Safe Steps: 1800 015 188

Facebook: [facebook/dioceseofsale](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale)



A perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey: a series of virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars, Prof Mary Coloe

PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, Dr Janina Hiebel from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. WHEN: Tuesdays – 28 November and 5, 12, 19 December 2023, TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT*, WHERE: Via Zoom meeting, COST: Free For more information and registration please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2pkez5pp>

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

Memorial Mass for the Deceased

November is the month of remembrance, so there will be a Memorial Mass for all your dearly departed on Wednesday 29th November at 7pm. at St Mary's Maffra. All Welcome.

St Mary's Primary School Christmas Cards

St Mary's Primary School children have made some Christmas cards which are professionally printed. They will be for sale Sunday 26th November before and after Maffra 9am Mass. Price:- \$20 for a Pack of 14. Payment by cash only. This is for fund raising for the school grounds.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 4th December 2023, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 51471867 or 0438471867 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The evening meals on 4th December at 6pm will at Farmers Arms Newry. Same contact details as above.

All welcome.

The parish Luncheon and Dinner is a monthly event who meet for fellowship as a parish community, they meet on the 1st Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

Columban 2024 calendars are now available at the Piety Stall \$10, also available are packets of Christmas cards \$8

School News

Maffra

Feast of Immaculate Conception – Whole School Mass – Friday 8th December 9:30am at Maffra

The Parish has purchased a copy of A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE – A Mass-Kit in the Saddle Bag. Which is available for loan to our parishioners. If you are wanting to borrow this book please contact the office and we will make arrangements.

Maffra@cdsale.org.au

or

0429140362

THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF MAFFRA IS HOLDING ITS ADVENT LUNCH AT ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH, ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26 AT 12PM. COST \$10.

ST MARY'S WILL BE PROVIDING THE SLICES. ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT

MARY HARTWIG 0431408336.

St Mary's Maffra Financial Statements (Un audited) for year ending 31st March 2023.

These are now on the notice board at the back of the Church (Church and House Accounts)

Parish Centre – Feedback Report
The Committee thanks those who have so far given feedback. Its work continues, with no conclusions yet made. An interim report with the Themes gathered is on the Church's Noticeboard. Copies are at the Choir entry door bookcase, or are available via the ParishOffice.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-

Recently Deceased: Peter Gray Anniversaries:

Mieczyslaw (MAX) Kowal, Ronald Peavey, Elizabeth Dessent, Owen Moran, Francis Allman, John Langley, Clive & Isobel Major, Maria Banasik, (MRS) Sheila McCarthy, Frank Lenz, Stanislaw Bogusz, Gladys Lannigan, Noni Price, Margaret Caffrey, Jessica Hanratty (child).

Frs. Gerald Byrne, D. Gordon, T. P. Vaughn, Patrick Verling (died Aug 1866)

Care for the Sick: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like the Eucharist brought to them, please advise us on 5147 1921.

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit:

Dominic Simm, Margaret Trew, Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, Kevin Bennett, Marge Canny, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Gerry Gray, and all those who seek our

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS
ST. MARY'S: Terry Donahoe
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION
PRESBYTERY: \$ 735
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 320
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 90

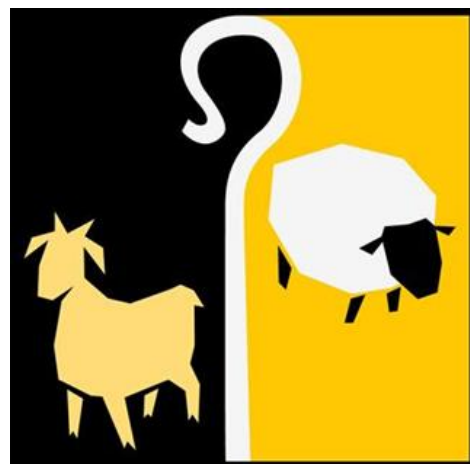
CWL News

Results of Maffra CWL annual raffle: 1st Judie Roberts. 2nd Gayle from IGA. 3rd Leon Gray. We raised \$710 which was a wonderful result, so thanks to all our generous supporters.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified. Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.



MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (DECEMBER)

LITURGY:	Sun. 3 rd	Office
READER:	Sun. 3 rd	Julia Moulton
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 3 rd	Sylvia Neaves
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 3 rd	Rosemary Wirken
COMPUTER:	Sun. 3 rd	Nick Munro
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 3 rd	Kevin Kierce and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 3 rd	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 3 rd	Rosemary Wirken & Mary McLaverty
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 3 rd	Pauline Phelan & Sylvia Neaves
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of December	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (DECEMBER)

READER:	Sat. 2 nd	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat. 2 nd	Sheila McInnes
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF DECEMBER	HEATHER HIGGINS

ST BRIGID'S COWWARR (DECEMBER)

READER	Sun. 3 rd	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF DECEMBER	Carmel & Fr Ken Clark

PERSONAL ORDINARIATE MASSES

COWWARR: ST BRIGIDS'

MONDAY: 9.00AM

TUESDAY: 6.00PM

WEDNESDAY: 10.00AM

THURSDAY: 10.00AM

FRIDAY: 6.00PM

SATURDAY: 10.00AM

SUNDAY: 9.30AM

MIRBOO NORTH: ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 2ND

SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM

CONFESSION: BEFORE EACH MASS

ANY ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT:

FR KEN CLARK EV

GIPPSLAND ORDINARIATE

13 CHURCH STREET

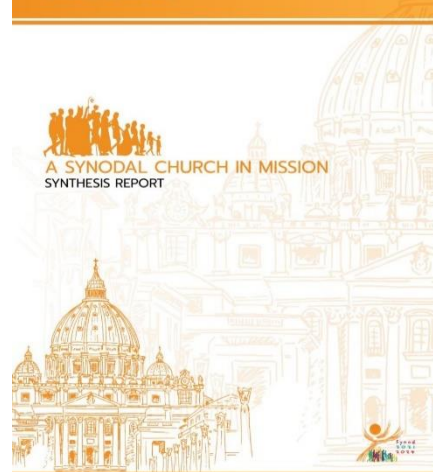
COWWARR, VIC 3857

TEL: 0403383873

BLOG:

[HTTPS://GIPPSLANDORDINARIATE.WORDPRESS.COM](https://gippslandordinariate.wordpress.com)

Synthesis Report of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



The official English version of the Synthesis Report of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, "A Synodal Church on Mission." Is now published. The 41-page report summarises the discussions from the first assembly with every item in the report being approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Synod. This "is not a final document but an instrument in the service of ongoing discernment." This Document can be found at <https://bit.ly/3qYiozA>

Mary's Advent Journey

Journey with Mary in her response to God's call
Become aware of God's presence this Advent

Four Thursdays: 30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, 21 Dec

Two time options: 10.30am or 7.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

496 Princes Highway Narre Warren



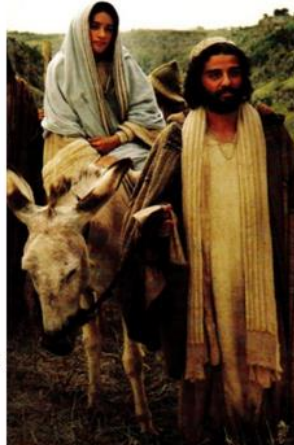
BOOKINGS: Parish Centre:

03-9704-7935, olhc@olhc.org.au

FREE to attend, donations towards the ministry are welcome, thank you

Facilitators: Theresa Denny and Geraldine Naismith,
Emmaus Spirituality Ministry

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St Mary's Parish Maffra



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Weekend of April 28th 2024
Save the date.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading:: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Parish Prayer

Oh Holy Father in heaven, you have given us all that we have. In humility, faith and love we implore you to hear our humble prayer for the unity and vibrancy of our parish family. Bind us in your love. Unite us through your Son Jesus. Strengthen us through your Holy Spirit. Holy Virgin Mother Intercede for us that our parish may be a source of love, hope, peace, unity and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.